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Patriotic Instructors and Sisters, it is my desire to speak plainly and earnestly to the Patriotic Instructors as well as every member of our Order. Many times the office of Patriotic Instructor is looked upon as of little importance by the sister about to take the obligation of this most important office as well as by the members at large. This is a great mistake for this office is next to the President in importance, and the possibilities for effective work are greater than any other office in the work.

Awake! Patriotic Instructors, face the responsibilities and the opportunities that are before you. The time is right now to take up this noble work that we, the Daughters of the Preservers of our Nation, must feel it not only a duty, but a pleasure to perform.

The National Patriotic Instructor of the G. A. R., John B. Lewis, is at work earnestly endeavoring to have the different states enact laws that will place "Old Glory" on every school house throughout our broad land, even asking the Confederate

Veterans to assist him in pushing this work in the Southland. With this done the work must not stop, for then comes the most important part of the work—that of teaching the children reverence, love and honor for the "Flag that makes men free."

Sister Patriotic Instructors, you have accepted this important office for 1910, and will you include as one of your New Year's resolutions the pledge that you will enter this work heart and soul, letting no opportunity pass when patriotic gatherings may be held.

It is recommended that children take active parts in these entertainments. It has been truly said that "The children of today are the men and women of tomorrow." Therefore, we must impress upon these young, tender minds the true meaning of "Love of Country and Flag."

The birthdays of Washington, (Feb. 22nd); Lincoln, (Feb. 12th); Grant, (April 27th); McKinley, (Jan. 29th), and Memorial Day, (May 30th); Flag Day, (June 14th); Patriots' Day, April 29th), and Mother's Day, (the 2nd Sunday in May), are the most important dates appropriate for holding patriotic meetings, or to observe in some fitting manner. Be sure to wear a white carnation on Mother's Day. I trust no Tent will allow the 14th of June to pass unobserved.

I request that each Department Patriotic Instructor will report to me, outlining the work they are doing. Suggestions and assistance will be given whenever requested.

Remember we each have a duty to perform. Do not sit down and say, this work in my section is so well taken care of there is nothing for me to do. You can at least entertain a class of children one afternoon a month in the Tent room. The children will eagerly listen to the Patriotic teachings, and seeds of Patriotism will be sown, that in after years will reap a good harvest.

"Old Glory, ours by inheritance, ours by allegiance, ours by affection, long may you float on the free winds of heaven, the emblem of liberty, the hope of the world."

Yours in F. C. & L.,

Attest:

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